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SUBJECT: **WEST NILE VIRUS INFORMATION CAMPAIGN**

On June 29, 2004, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Antonovich, amended by Supervisor Knabe instructing the Directors of Health Services and Public Health to 1) work with the Director of Parks and Recreation to assure that a West Nile Virus information campaign, is implemented quickly in all County outdoor parks and recreation sites, 2) offer assistance to parks and recreation and other departments in cities in the County, and to offer an invitation to the cities with their own parks and recreation departments to attend in-service training. This is a status report on implementation of this motion.

The Department's Environmental Health Vector Management Program held training sessions from July 12, 2004 through July 21, 2004, for Los Angeles County Park and Recreation staff and Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks personnel. Approximately 1000 employees have attended these training sessions. The next series of trainings will target the employees of cities which have their own parks departments.

Department staff also contacted officials from the United States Forest Service, Los Angeles County Public Works and the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to arrange additional training activities.

The Vector Management Program also continued distribution of literature to city and county parks which began earlier in the year.

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The Director of Marketing for Los Angeles City's Recreation and Parks Department has contacted our Communications staff to obtain copies of our information cards in 9 languages for distribution in all of their facilities, including senior centers.

We will provide you with a further update by August 15, 2004. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please let us know.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
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